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In re patent application of
Fumihiro Watanabe et al.
Serial No. Unassigned
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For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND
METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 20, line 1, delete "any one of claims 4 to 19" and insert --claim 4--.

Claim 21, line 1, delete "any one of claims 4 to 7 and 10 to 19" and insert --claim 4--.

Claim 22, line 1, delete "any one of claims 4 to 19" and insert --claim 4--.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "any one of claims" and insert --claim 4---;

line 2, delete line in its entirety.